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PSiRA CONDEMNS ACTS OF BRUTALITY ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY SECURITY OFFICERS

CENTURION, 01 MARCH 2021- The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) has condemned the incidents of brutality allegedly committed by security officers shown in videos that have went viral in various social media platforms.

In the past two weeks, there have been several incidents reported where the security officers allegedly killed and/or brutally assaulted members of the public. Amongst the incidents that were reported in the mainstream media and on social media platforms were of a 52-year-old woman in the Cape Winelands, Witzenberg Local Municipality. The other two were in Johannesburg where members of the public were allegedly beaten by security officers. There were further reports of two separate incidents, one in Somerset West, Western Cape and another in Kwa-Zulu Natal where the security officers allegedly shot and killed members of the public.

“The Authority strongly condemns these incidents of brutality allegedly committed by security officers. What makes it worse is that such senseless acts are not only against the industry’s Code of Conduct for Security Officers and values, but, they also go against our people’s constitutional rights as enshrined in the Bill of Rights” said PSiRA CEO, Manabela Sam Chauke.

Chauke has vowed that PSiRA will leave no stone unturned in ensuring that those who are behind these acts of criminality face the full might of the law. “In collaboration with other Law Enforcement Agencies, our investigations are underway and action will be taken against the implicated security officers who shall be found to have contravened the Code of Conduct for Security Officers.” added Chauke.

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The primary objective of the PSiRA is to regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service provider in the public and national interest and in the interest of the private security industry itself.
